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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL NUCLEAR POLICY STATEMENT

REF: STATE 67973 (NODIS)

1. PROVIDED BELOW IS THE FINAL DRAFT OF THE PRESIDENT'S  
NUCLEAR POLICY STATEMENT WHICH IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED

TO BE MADE PUBLIC ON THURSDAY, APRIL 7. WE WILL INFORM YOU OF ANY CHANGES PRIOR TO THEN. WE WILL ALSO INFORM YOU IN ADVANCE OF PRECISE TIME OF ISSUANCE.

2. BEGIN TEXT. STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT ON NUCLEAR POWER POLICY. THERE IS NO DILEMMA TODAY MORE DIFFICULT TO RESOLVE THAN THAT CONNECTED WITH THE USE OF NUCLEAR POWER. MANY COUNTRIES SEE NUCLEAR POWER AS THE ONLY REAL OPPORTUNITY, AT LEAST IN THIS CENTURY, TO REDUCE THE DEPENDENCE OF THEIR ECONOMIC WELL-BEING ON FOREIGN OIL -- AN ENERGY SOURCE OF UNCERTAIN AVAILABILITY, GROWING PRICE, AND ULTIMATE EXHAUSTION. THE U.S., BY CONTRAST, HAS A MAJOR DOMESTIC ENERGY SOURCE -- COAL -- BUT ITS USE IS NOT WITHOUT PENALTIES AND OUR PLANS ALSO CALL FOR THE USE OF NUCLEAR POWER AS A SHARE IN OUR ENERGY PRODUCTION.

THE BENEFITS OF NUCLEAR POWER ARE THUS VERY REAL AND PRACTICAL. BUT A SERIOUS RISK ACCOMPANIES WORLDWIDE USE OF NUCLEAR POWER -- THE RISK THAT COMPONENTS OF THE NUCLEAR POWER PROCESS WILL BE TURNED TO PROVIDING ATOMIC WEAPONS.

WE TOOK AN IMPORTANT STEP IN REDUCING THE RISK OF EXPANDING POSSESSION OF ATOMIC WEAPONS THROUGH THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY, WHEREBY MORE THAN 100 NATIONS HAVE AGREED NOT TO DEVELOP SUCH EXPLOSIVES. BUT WE MUST GO FURTHER. THE US IS DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE CONSEQUENCES FOR ALL NATIONS OF A FURTHER SPREAD OF NUCLEAR  
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WEAPONS OR EXPLOSIVE CAPABILITIES. WE BELIEVE THAT THESE RISKS WOULD BE VASTLY INCREASED BY THE FURTHER SPREAD OF SENSITIVE TECHNOLOGIES WHICH ENTAIL DIRECT ACCESS TO PLUTONIUM, HIGHLY ENRICHED URANIUM OR OTHER WEAPONS USABLE MATERIAL. THE QUESTION I HAVE HAD UNDER REVIEW FROM MY FIRST DAY IN OFFICE IS HOW CAN THAT BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT FOREGOING THE TANGIBLE BENEFITS OF NUCLEAR POWER.

WE ARE NOW COMPLETING AN EXTREMELY THOROUGH REVIEW OF ALL THE ISSUES THAT BEAR ON THE USE OF NUCLEAR POWER. WE HAVE CONCLUDED THAT THE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES OF PROLIFERATION AND DIRECT IMPLICATIONS FOR PEACE AND SECURITY -- AS WELL AS STRONG SCIENTIFIC AND ECONOMIC EVIDENCE -- REQUIRE

-- A MAJOR CHANGE IN US DOMESTIC NUCLEAR ENERGY POLICIES AND PROGRAMS; AND

-- A CONCERTED EFFORT AMONG ALL NATIONS TO FIND  
BETTER ANSWERS TO THE PROBLEMS AND RISKS ACCOMPANYING  
THE INCREASED USE OF NUCLEAR POWER.

I AM ANNOUNCING TODAY SOME OF MY DECISIONS RESULTING  
FROM THAT REVIEW.

FIRST, WE WILL DEFER INDEFINITELY THE COMMERCIAL  
REPROCESSING AND RECYCLING OF THE PLUTONIUM PRODUCED IN  
THE US NUCLEAR POWER PROGRAMS. FROM OUR OWN EXPERIENCE  
WE HAVE CONCLUDED THAT A VIABLE AND ECONOMIC NUCLEAR  
POWER PROGRAM CAN BE SUSTAINED WITHOUT SUCH REPROCESSING  
AND RECYCLING. THE PLANT AT BARNWELL, S.C., WILL NOT BE  
COMPLETED AS A REPROCESSING FACILITY.

SECOND, WE WILL RESTRUCTURE THE US BREEDER REACTOR  
PROGRAM TO GIVE GREATER PRIORITY TO ALTERNATE DESIGNS OF  
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THE PLUTONIUM BREEDER, AND TO DEFER THE DATE WHEN BREEDER  
REACTORS WOULD BE PUT INTO COMMERCIAL USE.

THIRD, WE WILL REDIRECT FUNDING OF US NUCLEAR  
RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS TO ACCELERATE OUR  
RESEARCH INTO ALTERNATIVE NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLES WHICH DO  
NOT INVOLVE DIRECT ACCESS TO MATERIALS USABLE IN NUCLEAR  
WEAPONS.

FOURTH, WE WILL INCREASE US PRODUCTION CAPACITY  
FOR ENRICHED URANIUM TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE AND TIMELY  
SUPPLY OF NUCLEAR FUELS FOR DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN NEEDS.

FIFTH, WE WILL TAKE THE NECESSARY LEGISLATIVE STEPS  
TO PERMIT THE US TO OFFER NUCLEAR FUEL SUPPLY CONTRACTS  
AND GUARANTEE DELIVERY OF SUCH NUCLEAR FUEL TO OTHER  
COUNTRIES.

SIXTH, WE WILL CONTINUE TO EMBARGO THE EXPORT OF  
EQUIPMENT OR TECHNOLOGY THAT WOULD PERMIT URANIUM  
ENRICHMENT AND CHEMICAL REPROCESSING.

SEVENTH, WE WILL CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS WITH SUPPLYING  
AND RECIPIENT COUNTRIES ALIKE, OF A WIDE RANGE OF INTER-  
NATIONAL APPROACHES AND FRAMEWORKS THAT WILL PERMIT ALL  
NATIONS TO ACHIEVE THEIR ENERGY OBJECTIVES WHILE REDUCING  
THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE CAPABILITY. AMONG OTHER  
THINGS, WE WILL EXPLORE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTER-  
NATIONAL NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE EVALUATION PROGRAM AIMED AT  
DEVELOPING ALTERNATIVE FUEL CYCLES AND A VARIETY OF

INTERNATIONAL AND US MEASURES TO ASSURE ACCESS TO  
NUCLEAR FUEL SUPPLIES AND SPENT FUEL STORAGE FOR NATIONS  
SHARING COMMON NON-PROLIFERATION OBJECTIVES.

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NUMBER OF GOVERNMENTS REGARDING THE MOST DESIRABLE  
MULTILATERAL AND BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR ASSURING  
THAT NUCLEAR ENERGY IS CREATIVELY HARNESSSED FOR PEACEFUL  
ECONOMIC PURPOSES. OUR INTENT IS TO DEVELOP WIDER  
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN REGARD TO THIS VITAL ISSUE  
THROUGH SYSTEMATIC AND THOROUGH INTERNATIONAL CONSULTA-  
TIONS. END TEXT.

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